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### **COUNTY TO CONTINUE EXTENDED PERMITTING SERVICES FOR HOMEOWNERS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

**FREDERICK, MD** – The Frederick County Department of Permits & Inspections recently concluded a 60-day pilot program that allowed extended permitting hours for homeowners. The purpose of the program was to assist those who commute to work or have schedules that do not easily allow them to visit county offices. At the direction of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners, the department will revise the extended permitting services to only Wednesdays until 6:00 p.m. until further notice. Concurrently, the county will evaluate additional improved measures to assist permit applicants. This includes possible payment of application fees by credit card, acceptance of applications by mail, and expanded website and online services.

County employees from the Department of Permits and Inspections, Zoning Office and Treasurer's Office are available to provide these services to the homeowners. These county offices are located at 30 North Market Street, Frederick, Md.

During the extended hours, certain residential applications intended to assist the homeowner are accepted and processed. The goal is to provide an accelerated permit review and approval process that will allow eligible projects to receive a building permit during this visit. In some cases that do not receive a permit right away, county staff will still accept and process the application and follow-up with necessary reviews on the next business day and issue the permit as soon as possible.

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Residential projects that are allowed under the expedited process include, but are not limited to: deck, one story addition with truss roof, one story garage, basement finish (no kitchen involved), covered or screened porch, alteration not involving a load-bearing wall, shed or other accessory structure like a gazebo, pavilion, carport, swimming pool or hot tub, minor fire damage repair and other minor home projects.

All other services provided at 30 North Market Street will continue to operate from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For further information, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/permit](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/permit) or contact Director Gary Hessong, Department of Permits and Inspections, at 301-600-1172 or via e-mail at [ghessong@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:ghessong@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

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